

Kick starting our ReValue project in Rome



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I attended a 2 day meeting in Rome in December 2016. Re-value: Refugees Empowerment through VET for an inclusive Europe. Myself and Richard Thickpenny were representing Ashley Community Housing (ACH) from UK. Partners from different countries including partners from France, Italy, Hungary and Germany. Programma Integra (ERIFO) Italy, Fisce (France), GSUB (Germany), JovoKerek (Italy), RINOVA (U.K/London), ACH (UK/West Midlands) were partners present at the meeting. All these partners were from organisations working with migrant and refugees supporting into integration through training, employment courses, and career guidance focusing on the unemployed.

Fundamentally, the intention of the ReValue meeting in Rome was to discuss developing an assessment tool to capture refugee education level/experience focusing on the 'competencies' and skills of refugees and migrants to showcase to potential employers and get migrants/refugees straight into most applicable workplace and educational course.

The ReValue project is running till 2019 and it is funded by the EU. During the meeting, we discussed creating a website, finalising a Logo for the project and producing videos. This will be an exciting project for ACH to participate in as the opportunity to interview refugees in order to maximise their opportunity of securing education and employment in UK will be presented. The ReValue project also links in with the previous IRIS work ACH was involved with.

You can read more about our work as part of the ReValue project on our **blog**.



Above photo from Programma Integra

